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1. THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF DRAFT AGREED MINUTE AND COMMUNIQUE (REFS A AND B) ARE ADEQUATE STARTING POINTS FOR THE AD HOC DRAFTING GROUP AT THE OTTAWA NPG MEETING. THE FINAL CONTENT OF THE AGREED MINUTE AND COMMUNIQUE WILL BE DEVELOPED FROM THE SUBSTANCE OF MINISTERIAL DISCUSSIONS AND NORMALLY THE INITIAL DRAFTS ARE REVISED SUBSTANTIALLY TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF SPECIFIC POINTS AND CONSENSUS REGISTERED DURING THE DISCUSSIONS. WE SHOULD PLAN TO INCLUDE IN THE U.S. INTERVENTIONS ANY POINTS WE SPECIFICALLY WANT TO RECORD, PARTICULARLY IN THE AGREED MINUTE.

2. WE HAVE THE FOLLOWING PRELIMINARY COMMENTS ON

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THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF DRAFT AGREED MINUTE (REF A):

- (A) PARA 2. IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO HAVE A GENERAL REFERENCE TO ARMS CONTROL NEGOTIATIONS RATHER THAN TO SALT ALONE.

- (B) PARA 5 - DOES NOT TAKE ACCOUNT OF RECENT DEPLOYMENTS SUCH AS THE F-15, AND MIGHT ALSO BE INTER-

PRETED BY SOME TO IMPLY AN ENDORSEMENT OF THE STATUS QUO. AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF THE U.S. BILATERAL APPROACH TO THE FRG (REF C), IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO INCORPORATE PROVISIONS IN THE AGREED MINUTE CITING THE NEED FOR EFFECTIVE USE OF RESOURCES AND FOR PHASING PLANS WHICH TAKE ACCOUNT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN NATO'S OVERALL AIR DEFENSE POSTURE.

- (C) PARAS 6-7. THERE SHOULD BE A PROVISION ON THE NEED FOR FLEXIBILITY TO MASIMIZE THE CONTRIBUTION OF DUAL-CAPABLE AIRCRAFT TO CONVENTIONAL DEFENSE.

- (D) PARA 23. THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF FORMULATION IS SLIGHTLY PERJORATIVE. WE BELIEVE A MORE POSITIVE STATEMENT VIS-A-VIS SACEUR'S ROMEO MESSAGES IN WINTEX WOULD BE DESIRABLE.

- (E) PARA 26. THIS PARAGRAPH REFLECTS AN APPARENT UK DESIRE TO REOPEN THE AGREED CNI PROCEDURES IN ORDER TO INCORPORATE A PROVISION REQUIRING THE NUCLEAR POWERS TO REGISTER A DECISION ON A NUCLEAR RELEASE REQUEST PRIOR TO SENDING A CNI MESSAGE OF EXPLICIT WARNING. SUCH A PROVISION WOULD REDUCE U.S. FLEXIBILITY, AND WE SEE NO ADVANTAGE IN REOPENING THE SUBJECT. THE SAME POINT APPLIES TO PARAGRAPH 7 IN SYG LUNS' SUMMARY COMMENTS ON NPG FUTURE WORK (REF D).

3. WE BELIEVE THE DRAFT COMMUNIQUE (REF B) WITH A FEW REFINEMENTS, IS APPROPRIATE IN CONTENT FOR PUBLIC RELEASE.

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AS IN THE DRAFT AGREED MINUTE, THERE SHOULD BE A GENERAL REFERENCE TO ARMS CONTROL NEGOTIATIONS IN PARAGRAPH 1, RATHER THAN TO SALT ALONE. IN ADDITION, WE BELIEVE MENTION OF CRUISE MISSILES, IF RETAINED AT ALL, SHOULD BE LESS PROMINENT. THE LAST SENTENCE OF PARAGRAPH 3 COULD BE GIVEN A MORE POSITIVE CAST BY SAYING THAT THE STUDIES REINFORCED THE DESIRABILITY OF IMPROVING CONVENTIONAL FORCES SO AS TO FURTHER ENHANCE THE CREDIBILITY OF NATO'S FLEXIBLE RESPONSE STRATEGY. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO REFINE THE PHRASE STATING THAT TECHNOLOGY DOES NOT PERMIT A CHEAP SOLUTION TO MAINTAINING A CREDIBLE AND EFFECTIVE DETERRENT, PERHAPS ALONG THE LINES OF THE LANGUAGE IN THE UNCLASSIFIED VERSION OF 1977 MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE. BENNETT

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